

Finding Freedom, Notes Page

1 - What is bondage, and what is freedom?

A - Bondage: To be controlled by, as in a slave. _____

Turn to John 8:31-33 ³¹So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free?'"

1 - The disciples obviously did not view their present circumstances as form of bondage. They also failed to view the history of their people with realistic eyes. How are we similar today, and what can we do to change? _____

B - Freedom: The power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint

1 - How would you explain the difference between Freedom From, and Freedom To? _____

Matthew 12:43-45 ⁴³ "When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest but finding none. ⁴⁴ Then it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.' So it returns and finds its former home empty, swept, and in order. ⁴⁵ Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before. That will be the experience of this evil generation." *(NLT)*

2 - Take a moment to examine your own past, look for a time where you found "Freedom From", but failed to gain the benefit of "Freedom To", if you are willing share it with your group: _____

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3 - How important is it for us to stay connected to the word of God? How do you as an individual believer, and as a member of a local faith community, stay connected? _____

4 - Have someone in your group read out loud Galatians 5:1-7. What are they finding Freedom From, and what are they gaining Freedom To? _____
